

Monash Tennis Centre: Feedback Report 4

Open space survey 2021

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Monash Council is delivering an 18-court public tennis facility at the Glen Waverley Sports Hub, with \$21m funding from State Government.

The new tennis centre will replace the existing 23-court tennis centre in Boroondara, currently located on land needed for North East Link. The Monash Tennis Centre will be a community-focused tennis facility, supporting club, local and regional tennis.

The tennis facility will be located on the site of the current driving range and off lead dog park at the Glen Waverley Golf Course.

SUMMARY OF ENGAGEMENT

The engagement took place during the development stage of the Glen Waverley Tennis Centre that will provide 18 courts for community clubs and public use.

The tennis centre will be built on the reserve adjoining the Glen Waverley Golf Course, which is currently used for a golf driving range and public open space.

The project provides the opportunity to make improvements to the reserve and further develop the site for recreational uses in addition to tennis and golf.

The complementary recreation facilities will provide for all community members who want to use the area for recreation, to connect with nature, and be active.

Recreational facilities that could be improved or developed in this space could include improved pedestrian trails, bike path, off-leash dog park, and facilities such as playgrounds.

ENGAGEMENT RESULTS

Summary of Feedback

The survey was available online on the 'Tennis in Monash' page of the Shape Monash engagement platform from 29 March to 30 April 2021. The survey was aimed at the entire Monash community and promoted via social media. Registration was required to participate, in order to limit the responses to one per survey-taker. Hard copies of the survey were offered to residents without computer access, via their neighbourhood representatives.

Manual submission of photocopied surveys

It is noted that 95 photocopies of a typed survey were submitted by neighbourhood representatives, representing 27 households. As surveys rely on unique responses from individual participants, the bulk data submitted is treated as a response from one participant for the purposes of the survey.

Respondent profile

There were 17 participants in total (16 online and 1 typed paper version). Of those that provided their gender, 10 were women and 6 were men. The majority of participants were from Glen Waverley (10) and Wheelers Hill (3).

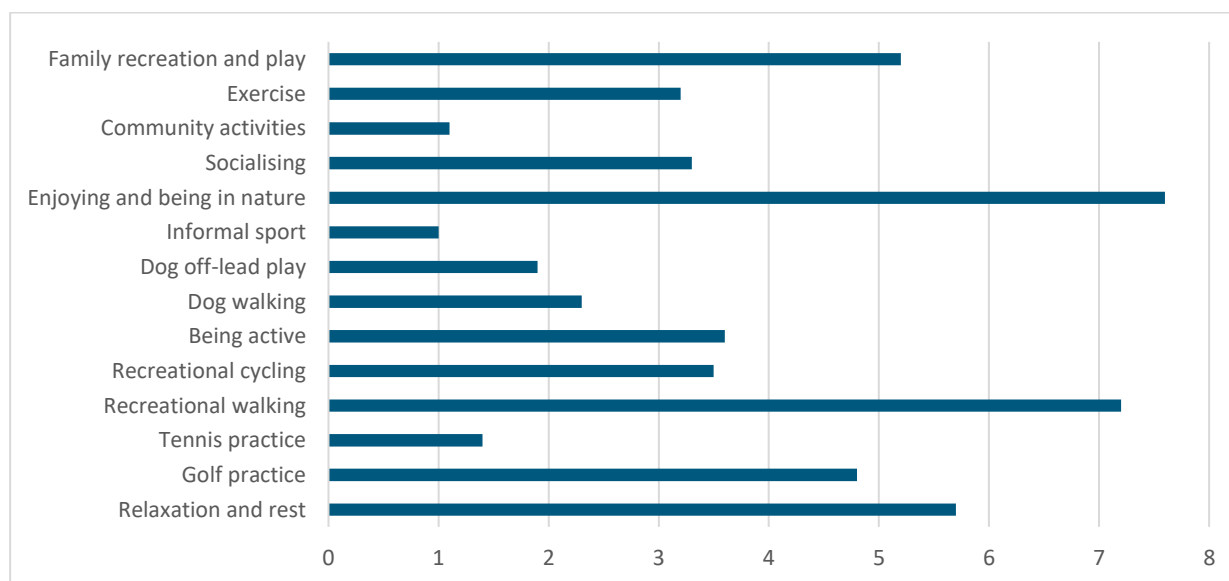
Representation of participants by age group is shown below:

Age group	Percent	Count
Under 15 years	0%	0
15 to 24 years	0%	0
25 to 39 years	6.25%	1
40 to 64 years	50%	8
65 years and over	43.75%	7

Response data analysis

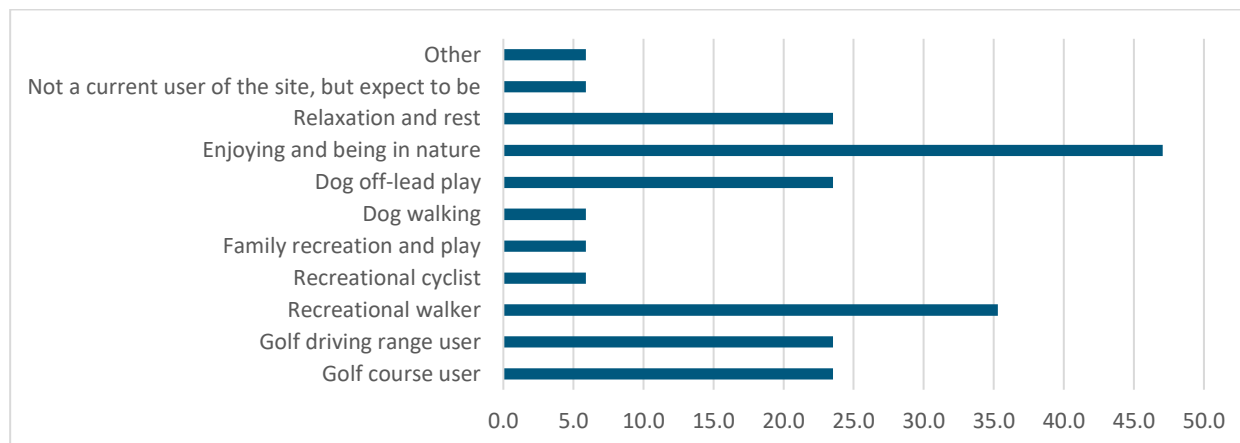
Q1. The construction of the tennis centre provides an opportunity to upgrade the remaining areas of existing public open space for community recreation. The public open space areas are shown on the layout sketch as a linear park and the area between the carpark and Waverley Road. How would you like to use this open space area?

Each activity was scored based on rankings selected by respondents. The top preferences for uses for the open space area were 'Enjoying and being in nature' and 'Recreational walking'.



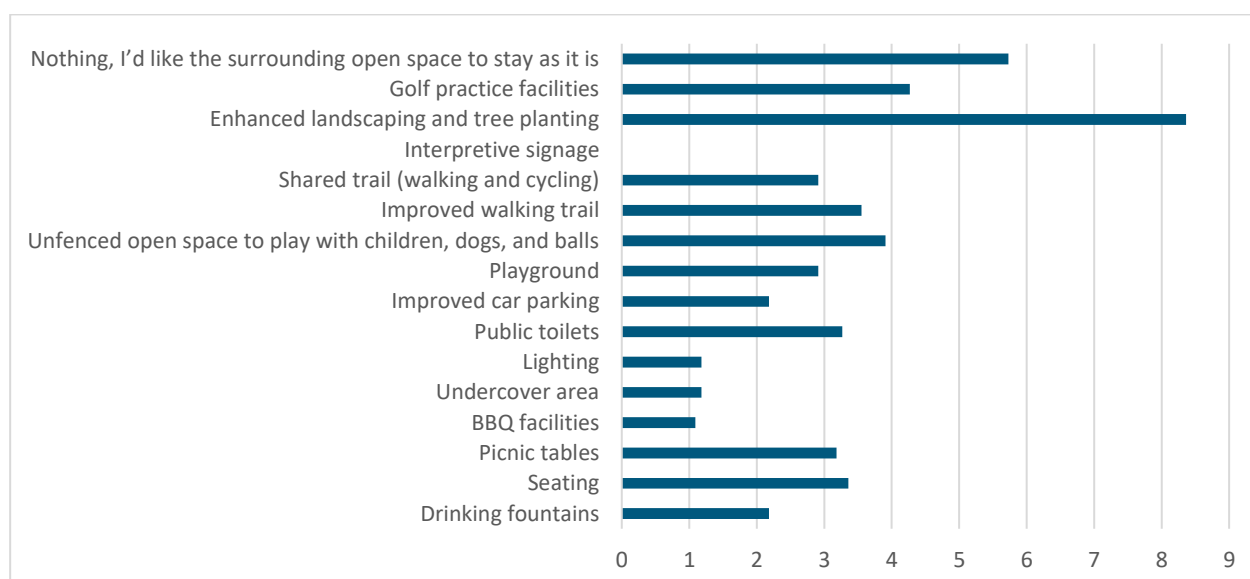
Q2. What best describes your current use of this site?

The top current uses of the site were consistent with the preferred future uses, with 'enjoying and being in nature' and 'recreational walking' the top current uses.



Q3. Rank the following potential improvements that would help you/your family be more physically active and/or visit more often?

The preferred improvements were 'enhanced landscaping and tree planting' followed by 'nothing, I'd like the surrounding open space to stay as is'.



Q4. Is there anything in particular you would like to see or any other improvements to the area?

There were 15 responses elaborating on what improvements respondents would like see in the area. The most consistent responses were in relation to either 'retaining the current feel of the area, or nature-related improvements. There was one mention each of a playground and dog park, 2 mentions of improvements to parking or congestion issues. The comments are provided in full below:

<p>The area between the tennis courts and our residential boundary to be 75 metres wide.</p> <p>The area needs to be professionally landscaped and regularly maintained by the Monash Council.</p> <p>Berms to be placed in way that the new courts and lighting are not intrusive on the adjacent residents.</p> <p>No PA system.</p> <p>Within the 75 metre wide open space area, we expressly do not want the following: bike track, walking track, BBQ facilities, picnic tables, under cover areas etc, public toilets, playground, seating.</p> <p>If the Halcyon Centre has to move, then locate it in an equally beautiful location near nature. It is an important community resource as our population ages.</p>
<p>Fenced Dog Play Park.</p> <p>as a regular user of Waverley Women's, the number of dogs that use this sports venue as an off leash area is substantial, and so is the amount of dog poop not picked up by their 'responsible' owners. A dog friendly fenced play space could become a social meeting place for the numerous dogs and owners in the area. Monash does currently have anything like this that I'm aware of.</p> <p>See previous response. i have grave concerns over parking capabilities if you put 18 tennis courts and already have traffic congestion in this area when in full use.</p>
<p>I'd like to see the open space maintained as open space on the same basis as it currently is. That means local people can quietly wander through or walk their dogs. No changes of use or any sort of development is wanted or necessary. The ability for residents to continue to have quiet enjoyment of this open space as it is currently is non negotiable.</p>
<p>Paved roads and wide entrance. Single lane becomes very congested</p>
<p>I would hate to see this facility destroyed by the construction of a tennis centre which is not needed in this area with so many tennis clubs nearby. Monash should be looking at other areas in the municipality where there is a shortage of tennis facilities. Why would you build more courts within 400m. of Glenvale Tennis Club, one of the two or three strongest and most successful community clubs in Monash? Already, there is a lot of recreational and sporting (golf, netball and softball) activity in the area creating huge traffic and car parking issues particularly on the weekends. This tennis centre would only exacerbate this problem and add increased traffic in surrounding streets.</p>
<p>Definitely like to see a playground built.</p> <p>Would like to make the comment that for a Council that I usually praise for its consultation with the community I can't understand how this tennis centre development has just appeared out of nowhere. I don't believe that there has been proper GENUINE consultation about this at all. This will be the end of our local tennis clubs in the area, it will probably be a lot more expensive for people to join and play in the new, fancy centre and this could cut out a lot of people who can now afford to play at the local clubs in existence. I don't like the fact that the open space we already have in existence is going. Traffic will be a MAJOR issue. Not happy</p>
<p>leave it as it is</p>
<p>Most of needs covered already in Glen Waverley area. Concerned that seems that "full size" driving range is being sacrificed !!</p>
<p>Increasing the available open space and improving native plantings. Minimising visibility of any man made structures involved with the complex in the green space as well as mitigating any potential noise. Encourage native bird life. Keep bike paths on the complex side of the green space to allow for more relaxation and tranquility.</p>
<p>Restore to original condition ie pre-settlement</p>
<p>More vegetation and less traffic in the area</p>
<p>I would like the current practice area to be retained and to be able to take lessons there with my children.</p>

Glen Waverley golf course is a fabulous recreational space that appeals to all ages. The golf club offers a range of activities and to deprive residents of the par active facilities is short sighted at best. Here people of all ages can learn the game, an opportunity found no where else in Waverley. A specific area is required to do this especially as it currently caters for kids lessons. Tree removal should not be allowed as bird life is important and a feature of this facility. It is very much a nature reserve and this should not be lost which would happen if this project goes ahead. Tennis clubs abound in the area, areas such as this do not. As is, it is totally in character to the area.

NEXT STEPS

This feedback will be taken into account in the reference design for the tennis centre and surrounding open space area.